

MPEP § 2131. "Anticipation required the presence in a single prior art reference disclosure of each and every element of the claims invention, arranged as in the claim." *Lindemann Maschinenfabrik GMBH v. American Hoist and Derrick Co.*, 221 U.S.P.Q. 481, 488 (Fed. Cir. 1984).

Applicants submit that Claim 1 requires one or more elements not taught by Risberg.

Consider first Applicants' Claim 1:

"A computer-implemented real-time decision support system comprising:
means for receiving complex queries posed by a plurality of users;
means for providing for each of the queries an executable query process
furnishing a result when data sources satisfy constraints of the query;
means for proving data sources, the data sources including an event source;
means for responding to an event furnished by an event source to initiate
execution of all query processes having constraints satisfied by data sources; and
means for furnishing results of executed query processes to users."

Next, consider the disclosure of Risberg. That disclosure is directed a system for creating user-definable documents showing changes in real time data. This invention provides a user-interface system that allows the user to define active documents. Each active document may be used to display one or more sources of real-time data. Active documents are intended to be highly customizable—allowing the user to select the types of data that are displayed as well as how data is displayed (e.g., location, font, etc). Users can also create active documents that include alarms that are triggered when real-time data matches certain criteria (e.g., limit or threshold values).

When compared, it is clear that Claim 1 requires several elements that are entirely absent from the disclosure of Risberg. For example, Claim 1 requires: "means for receiving complex queries posed by a plurality of users." The system of Risberg is a user-interface/data display system, not a real time decision support system. The disclosure of Risberg does not

describe a system that receives or processes queries. This is specifically required by Applicants' Claim 1. The Risberg system is an end user of data. This differs greatly from Applicants' Claim 1 that describes both the generation and the display of data.

Claim 1 further requires: 1) "means for providing for each of the queries an executable query process furnishing a result when data sources satisfy constraints of the query." Once again, it should be noted that Risberg describes technology for displaying data. Risberg is a front-end, display system. It is not a system for query processing. Because Risberg is directed at user-interface technology, it is not surprising that query processing, as required by Applicants' Claim 1, it not disclosed.

Claim 1 further requires: "means for responding to an event furnished by an event source to initiate execution of all query processes having constraints satisfied by data sources." As noted above, Risberg is a display system. There is no notion within Risberg of event handling as it applies to query processing. It logically follows that Risberg cannot possible disclose a step in which an event is used to trigger query processing.

Based on the preceding, it is clear that Risberg fails to mention numerous elements required by Claim 1. As a result, it is clear that Risberg does not anticipate Applicants' Claim 1. For the reasons set forth above, and others readily apparent, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) has been overcome and should be withdrawn. Claims 2 – 10 depend, either directly or indirectly, on Claim 1. For this reason, the Examiner's rejection of these claims under U.S.C. §102(b) has been overcome and should be withdrawn. Finally, the preceding arguments apply by analogy to claims 11 through 20. Thus, the U.S.C. §102(b) of these claims should likewise be withdrawn

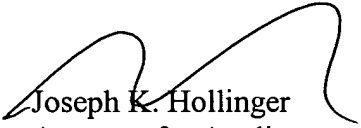
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In summary, Applicants believe that the each of Claims 1-20 are allowable and respectfully request and early notice to that effect.

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